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SUBJ: GOI INTENDS TO DECLARE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE

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1. DURING QUESTION TIME DECEMBER 1 IN THE DAIL (IRISH PARLIAMENT), FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL INTRODUCE A DRAFT ORDER NEXT WEEK WHICH WOULD DECLARE AN ECONOMIC ZONE OF 200 MILES AROUND IRELAND. THE ORDER WOULD BE PURSUANT TO EXISTING IRISH LEGISLATION (MARITIME JURISDICTION ACT OF 1959). THE ACTION, FITZGERALD SAID, WAS BEING TAKEN IN IRELAND'S CAPACITY AS A COASTAL STATE AND NOT AS A MEMBER OF THE EC.

2. IN THE DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED FITZGERALD STATED THAT  
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THE WORDING OF THE TREATY OF ACCESSION IS SUCH THAT THERE IS

AN AUTOMATIC APPLICATION OF THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY IN THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. INASMUCH AS FITZGERALD HAS PREVIOUSLY ARGUED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE TREATY TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXCLUSIVE 50-MILE IRISH FISHERIES ZONE, BOTH THE OPPOSITION AND IRISH FISHERMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS WONDERED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW PREPARING TO BACK DOWN ON ITS STAND IN FAVOR OF THE 50-MILE ZONE. SUCH A CHANGE OF POLICY WOULD BE IMMENSELY UNPOPULAR IN IRELAND, BUT MIGHT WELL BE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF APPARENT EC OPPOSITION TO SUCH AN EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ARRANGEMENT FOR IRELAND. CURLEY

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